Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 11 is a map showing the genomic structure of MDZ12a and MDZ12b encoded at chromosome 15q26.1 and showing splice variants of the hMDZ12 zinc finger gene;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 215, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FOUR HUMAN ZINC-FINGER-CONTAINING GENES PROTEINS: MDZ3, MDZ4, MDZ7 AND MDZ12